

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL RULE 312 AMENDMENT
U.S. SERIAL NO. 10/673,476

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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are allowed, and claims 11-13 were previously cancelled.

Claim 1 is herein amended by entry of this Amendment in response to an Examiner initiated Amendment, via telephone conference on March 17, 2005. This Amendment amends Claim 1, after entry of the Supplemental Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 filed March 10, 2005, where entry of the later amendment was indicated by the Examiner in the teleconference of March 17, 2005.

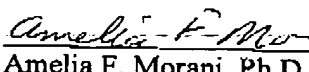
The following Remarks are presented to clarify the Remarks in the Supplemental Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 filed March 10, 2005. Claim 1 was amended pursuant to recent teleconferences on February 28 and March 8, 2005, between Examiner Hu and the undersigned. This amendment was agreed to by Applicant to obtain immediate allowability in light of the Examiner's assertion that such an amendment was necessary to avoid *Aufinger* (U.S. Patent No. 6,069,404). While Applicant agreed to and submitted the amendment to claim 1, an admission as to its necessity to avoid *Aufinger* is neither intended nor acknowledged.

Entry and consideration of this Second Supplemental Rule 312 Amendment are respectfully requested.

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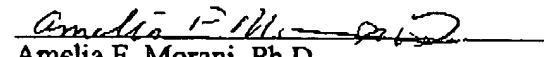
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CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

The undersigned agent hereby certifies that the foregoing SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312 is being facsimile transmitted to Examiner S. Hu of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on this twenty-first date of March, 2005, at 571-273-1654.


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